

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
ATLANTA DIVISION

IN RE: PARAGARD PRODUCTS
LIABILITY LITIGATION

MDL DOCKET NO. 2974

This document relates to:

1:20-md-02974-LMM

ALEXIS OWINGS

vs.

Civil Action No.: _____

TEVA PHARMACEUTICALS USA, INC.,
TEVA BRANDED PHARMACEUTICAL
PRODUCTS R&D, INC., TEVA
WOMEN'S HEALTH LLC; THE
COOPER COMPANIES, INC; &
COOPERSURGICAL, INC.

SHORT FORM COMPLAINT

Come(s) now the Plaintiff(s) named below, and for her/their Complaint against the Defendant(s) named below, incorporate(s) the Second Amended Master Personal Injury Complaint (Doc. No. 79), in MDL No. 2974 by reference.

Plaintiff(s) further plead(s) as follows:

1. Name of Plaintiff placed with Paragard: Alexis Owings

2. Name of Plaintiff's Spouse (if a party to the case): _____

3. If case is brought in a representative capacity, Name of Other Plaintiff and capacity (i.e., administrator, executor, guardian, conservator):

N/A

4. State of Residence of each Plaintiff (including any Plaintiff in a representative capacity) at time of filing of Plaintiff's original complaint: **Indiana**
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5. State of Residence of each Plaintiff at the time of Paragard placement: **Indiana**
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6. State of Residence of each Plaintiff at the time of Paragard removal: **Indiana**
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7. District Court and Division in which personal jurisdiction and venue would be proper: **Southern District of Indiana**
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8. Defendants. (Check one or more of the following five (5) Defendants against whom Plaintiff's Complaint is made. The following five (5) Defendants are the only defendants against whom a Short Form Complaint may be filed. No other entity may be added as a defendant in a Short Form Complaint.):

- ☒ A. Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc.
- ☒ B. Teva Women's Health, LLC
- ☒ C. Teva Branded Pharmaceutical Products R&D, Inc.
- ☒ D. The Cooper Companies, Inc.
- ☒ E. CooperSurgical, Inc.

9. Basis of Jurisdiction

- ☒ Diversity of Citizenship (28 U.S.C. § 1332(a))
- ☐ Other (if Other, identify below):
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Date(s) Plaintiff had Paragard placed (DD/MM/YYYY)	Placing Physician(s) or other Health Care Provider (include City and State)	Date Plaintiff's Paragard was Removed (DD/MM/YYYY)* *If multiple removal(s) or attempted removal procedures, list date of each separately.	Removal Physician(s) or other Health Care Provider (include City and State)** **If multiple removal(s) or attempted removal procedures, list information separately.
2015	Saint Francis Hospital And Health Center South Campus 8111 S Emerson Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46237	2017 June - very long procedure with multiple attempts at removal, ending in a surgical procedure)	Saint Francis Hospital And Health Center South Campus 8111 S Emerson Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46237
		2017 - December, follow up ultrasound to confirm removal of all pieces	

11. Plaintiff alleges breakage (other than thread or string breakage) of her Paragard upon removal.

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Yes

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No

12. Brief statement of injury(ies) Plaintiff is claiming:

lengthy and painful removal requiring multiple attempts to remove pieces of IUD requiring
surgical intervention, f/u additional ultrasound; loss of fertility, pain, discomfort

Plaintiff reserves her right to allege additional injuries and complications specific to her.

13. Product Identification:

- a. Lot Number of Paragard placed in Plaintiff (if now known):

- b. Did you obtain your Paragard from anyone other than the HealthCare Provider who placed your Paragard:

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Yes

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No

14. Counts in the Master Complaint brought by Plaintiff(s):

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Count I – Strict Liability / Design Defect

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Count II – Strict Liability / Failure to Warn

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Count III – Strict Liability / Manufacturing Defect

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Count IV – Negligence

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Count V – Negligence / Design and Manufacturing Defect

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Count VI – Negligence / Failure to Warn

- ☒ Count IX – Negligent Misrepresentation
 - ☒ Count X – Breach of Express Warranty
 - ☒ Count XI – Breach of Implied Warranty
 - ☒ Count XII – Violation of Consumer Protection Laws
 - ☒ Count XIII – Gross Negligence
 - ☒ Count XIV – Unjust Enrichment
 - ☒ Count XV – Punitive Damages
 - ☐ Count XVI – Loss of Consortium
 - ☐ Other Count(s) (Please state factual and legal basis for other claims not included in the Master Complaint below):
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15. “Tolling/Fraudulent Concealment” allegations:

a. Is Plaintiff alleging “Tolling/Fraudulent Concealment”?

☒ Yes

☐ No

b. If Plaintiff is alleging “tolling/fraudulent concealment” beyond the facts alleged in the Master Complaint, please state the facts and legal basis applicable to the Plaintiff in support of those allegations below:

Plaintiff did not learn of the facts supporting her cause of action and the Defendants’
negligence, fraud, and concealment until within the statutory time period

16. Count VII (Fraud & Deceit) and Count VIII (Fraud by Omission) allegations:

- a. Is Plaintiff bringing a claim under Count VII (Fraud & Deceit), Count VIII (Fraud by Omission), and/or any other claim for fraud or misrepresentation?

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Yes

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No

- b. If Yes, the following information must be provided (in accordance with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 8 and/or 9, and/or with pleading requirements applicable to Plaintiff's state law claims):

- i. The alleged statement(s) of material fact that Plaintiff alleges was false: ParaGard could be safely removed at any time and was as safe or safer than other

products on the market. Failed to disclose ParaGard is prone to break in utero and upon removal.

- ii. Who allegedly made the statement: Defendants through their employees,
sales representatives, marketing materials, labels, media, and other communications.

- iii. To whom the statement was allegedly made: Plaintiff and her healthcare providers.

- iv. The date(s) on which the statement was allegedly made: At insertion, removal, and other various dates both prior to and after Plaintiff's implant.

17. If Plaintiff is bringing any claim for manufacturing defect and alleging facts beyond those contained in the Master Complaint, the following information must be provided:

- a. What does Plaintiff allege is the manufacturing defect in her Paragard? _____

18. Plaintiff's demand for the relief sought if different than what is alleged in the Master Complaint: _____

19. Jury Demand:

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Jury Trial is demanded as to all counts

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Jury Trial is NOT demanded as to any count

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